



THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

20-21 JANUARY 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B

MISSION STATEMENT

St Theresa's Catholic Parish is a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming community committed to living and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Under our baptismal mission and inspired by the Spirit, we are bread for one another and nourished we reach out to make a difference in the world.

Reflection ©Anthony Doran.

Sometimes, it seems as if God gets it wrong. That of all the things God could have done, God just stuffs it up. Take one look at today's Gospel Reading. He calls as his followers four fishermen. Simon and his brother Andrew; and James and John, the sons of Zebedee. What is going on here? Fishermen back then would not have been the obvious choice for Jesus to choose as his followers. For they would not have been well educated. Certainly, they would have known about tides and climate and the price their catch might bring in. But they certainly would not have been the educated elite. The brief account we have today in Mark's Gospel does not specify if Simon and Andrew and James and John were up with the religious elite of their time. I suspect they were not. But Jesus calls these four fishermen to follow him. And not just to follow him, but also to share in his work. To become fishers of men and women. What are we to make of this? It is tempting to think that God does get it wrong. That if we were in charge, we would have made a better fist of things. That is the temptation to look at things with human eyes. That is a temptation we must avoid. Actually, God does not get it wrong. God never gets it wrong. Yes, Jesus does call the four fishermen to follow him. But Jesus does not wait for them to be perfect. He calls them as they are. With their imperfections, with all their faults and failings. And perhaps the more surprising thing is that these fishermen do indeed follow Jesus. These fishermen do not wait until they are perfect, until they have it all together before they decide to follow Jesus. They follow Jesus when he calls them. The story of these four fishermen is also our story. We too are called by Jesus to follow him. And Jesus does not wait until we are perfect. Jesus does not wait until we have it all together and have all the answers. If he did, Christian life would be a bit boring. And reasonably lacking in disciples. God calls us in the midst of our life. Whether we are priest or layperson, married or single, young or old, or whatever. We are called to follow Jesus. And, like Simon and Andrew and James and John, we are not called just to follow Jesus. Like them we are called to share in the task of proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom. All of us share in this task of proclaiming the Kingdom. It is not a task restricted to bishops and priests. Certainly, ordained ministers have a special role in the task of evangelisation. But they are not the only players. Thank God! All of us share in bringing the Kingdom to birth in our time. For it is not just about preaching the Kingdom in words. We preach the Kingdom in what we do far more eloquently and powerfully than by any words which we may speak. And that is why bishops and priests are not the only players in the evangelisation stakes. All of us who are baptised are called to proclaim the reign of God's love. But we don't do it by the number of hours we spend in front of the Blessed Sacrament. We don't do it my how many rosaries or novenas or chaplets we might say. Prayer is important, but it is only the beginning, only half the story. We do this when we hold out our hands to someone in need. We do this when we walk together with our brothers and sisters who may need our companionship and accompaniment. We do this when we help someone else find their place in the world. We do this when we get our hands dirty helping someone else. As Pope Francis has reminded us, the Church should be like a field hospital on a battle field: ready to bind up the wounds of those who are hurt. When we can be the sort of Church that Pope Francis challenges us to be...when these things happen, as our Gospel Reading tells us: the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Indeed, very close.

RECENTLY DECEASED HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Susan Quirk

June Murphy

Brian Carter

Peter Conaghan

Anne Thomas

Glenda Walsh

Friends and Family

Christine Gilshenan

(Susanne Gilshenan's Sister)

Madeline (Sally) Gray

(Kathy Sternes' Mother)

Mary Gleeson (Anne McNally's sister)

Geraldine Hurley (Gay Jorgensen's Sister)

Iain Bruce (Rylee & Joseph Hunt's Grandad)

Jennifer Fogarty

(Beverley Patterson's Friend)

Erica Armagnacq (Bill Armagnacq's Daughter in Law)

Margaret Chiesa

Janette Ansell (Patricia Stevens sister)

Will Wildig (Meg Hicks' Brother in Law)

Geoff Doyle (Mary Otto's brother)

Anna O'Toole (Maryanne Long's friend)

Phil Connolly (Glen & Bernadette

Whisson's friend)

Shona Kraayvanger

(Gabrielle Adam's daughter)

Indiana Harman

(Ray & Madeline Taylor's (Granddaughter)

Louis Gandini (Lina Pervan's brother)

Connie Bamgart (Lina Pervan's friend)

Simon Riethmuller (Shirley's son)

Max Shearer (Grandson - Judy Shearer)

John Mullen (Helen McNaught's nephew)

Fr Peter McGrath .CP

Molly Schmidt (Aileen Collins' friend)

Peter Brown (Denis' brother)

The Dowling Family

ANNIVERSARIES

Nelle Laffy

Francene Anson (Skippen)

Audrey Rasmussen

Lily Ball

Irene Gatt

Robert Johnston

Fred Hoysted

Kevin Rowland (snr)

Fred Taylor

Benjamin Davey

Kevin O'Shea

Kathleen le Gras

Ken McGuirk

Fr William Behm

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES

MON	NO MASS
TUE	NO MASS
WED	9AM MASS
THU	NO MASS
FRI	9 AM MASS
SAT	6PM VIGIL
SUN	9.30AM MASS
<p>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</p>	

READINGS

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading: *Jonah 3: 1-5,10*
The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9. R.
Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading: *Corinthians 7: 29-31*
The world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel: *Mark 1: 14-20*
Repent, and believe the Good News.

Next week's readings: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B

Jonah 3: 1-5,10
1 Corinthians 7: 29-31
Mark 1: 14-20

NOTICES

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of the month either during Mass at 9.30am or after Mass at 11.00am



Condolence Message

" Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories."



LENTEN PROGRAMS 2024

This year, we are offering two resources for individual reflection or group sharing. One program is from Brisbane Archdiocese : "A Resurrected Life" and the other is from Wollongong Diocese: "Pietà". Order forms for the books will be available next week and orders will need to be in by 29 January to enable online orders to be made for books to arrive before 14 February which is Ash Wednesday. If you wish to be part of a Lenten group or are willing to organize a Lenten group, please write your name and available times on the sheet provided in the foyer

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024

The Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will be celebrated in our parish in May and June.

Confirmation will be Thursday 30th May and First Eucharist will be 1st /2nd June.

All children in year 4 or above including secondary students are invited to be part of the program.

Program Information Night is Wednesday, February 7th at 6pm in the Parish Centre.

Monica will be at the parish centre from 5.30pm.

Invitation letters and flyers are in the foyer, please take one if you are interested.

Our sacramental team members are Kathy Doherty, Gay Jorgensen, David Wilson and Monica Brennan.

If you have any enquiries, please contact a member of the team or contact the parish office on 4639 4688 or email monica@sttheresas.org.au

2024 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The **World Day of Prayer** service this year will be held on **Friday 1st March 2024 at 10am** at **Middle Ridge Uniting Church, 264 Stenner Street.**

This year's theme is "I Beg You... Bear With One Another In Love" Ephesians 4:1-3 and the service has been prepared by Christian Women in Palestine.

You are invited to a **planning meeting** being held at **Middle Ridge Uniting Church** on **Friday 2nd February at 10am.** Please RSVP to mruc@bigpond.com if you will attend the planning meeting.

Margaret Spinks from Middle Ridge Uniting Church is the contact person for this year. Please consider supporting this community as St Theresa's were well supported when we held the World Day of Prayer.

St Theresa's Parish

FIRST TERM SCHEDULE: 22 JANUARY – 28 MARCH 2024



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CLOSED	<p>Discovering the Lost Tradition of Mystical Christianity</p> <p>Seven sessions drawing inspiration from Richard Rohr's "The Naked Now".</p> <p>9.45 am for prompt 10.00 am start until 12.30 pm. 6 Feb – 19 March (Flyer available)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Christian Meditation 4.00 pm -4.45 pm</p>	<p>Chrysalis 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm 31 January ff -----</p>	<p>Centering Prayer in the tradition of Fr Thomas Keating 10.00 am – 11.00 pm. 8 February ff</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Quadratos</p> <p>3.30 – 5.00 pm 8 weekly sessions 1 February – 21 March</p> <p>Men Seeking Wisdom 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm</p> <p>For information, contact</p> <p>Robie Jayawardhana rjayawardhana@gmail.com OR Jason Obst Job70644@bigpond.net.au OR Peter Nolan nolan8@bigpond.com</p>	<p>Anam Cara (a spiritual conversation group in the Ignatian tradition) weekly 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm 12 January 2024 ff</p> <p>Walking a Sacred Path of Being</p> <p>23 Feb 2024</p> <p>led by Sue Thomas (Spiritual Director, Veriditas Advanced Labyrinth Facilitator & Trainer) 9.00 am for 9.30 am start until 2.30 pm.</p> <p>(Flyer available)</p>

DATE CLAIMER - FR. RICHARD LEONARD SJ



Living Liturgy: Being Sent Out on Mission to the World.
When: Wednesday 13 March 2024,
Where: Hanly Room St Stephen's Cathedral Brisbane
 Further information & registration details available mid January
Any enquiries contact Liturgy Brisbane on (07) 3324 3314.



SAVE THE DATE: AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MEDIA CONGRESS

The Australian Catholic Media Council invite you to 'save the date' for the 2024 Australian Catholic Media Congress to be held in Sydney 28-30 August. More details about the venue and program, including speakers, will be made available early next year. Held every three years (except during COVID), the Congress is aimed at anyone working in the field of communications and media at any level – from parishes and schools to dioceses and agencies.

ACBC RESOURCE: TO WITNESS AND TO ACCOMPANY WITH CHRISTIAN HOPE

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has published a document to assist priests, chaplains and pastoral workers who are asked to provide pastoral support to Catholics who are considering euthanasia. In preparing the document, the bishops consulted widely with a range of people, including theologians, ethicists, liturgists and medical doctors. The bishops have also worked with the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith.

The document has been posted online at: <https://bit.ly/WitnessandAccompany>

FORGED - VERITAS YA WEEKEND

Young Adults, this one's for you!! Here's a sneak peak
 Campfire worship. Adoration. Mass. Paintball skirmish . Mud challenges...just to name a few
 If you're 18+ come spend a wknd with your mates, chat all things faith and life and have a bunch of fun in the process.

Chuck Veritas a follow on Insta and FB to stay updated.

When: 27-28/1/24, Emu Gully Helidon. Book tickets through TryBooking
Contact: Fr Nathan Webb at St Patrick's Cathedral ph 46371500 for further information.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR 2024



January: For the gift of diversity in in the Church
 During the month of January , Pope Francis has asked the faithful to pray for the gift of diversity in the Church. He emphasised "the gift of different charisms with the Christian community."



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Fr Brian Noonan, Tim Burgess, Matt Boyd, David Wilson,
 Kath Doherty, Trish Kennedy-Lee, Glen/Bernadette
 Whisson, Greg Hallam, Elizabeth Curtis, Monica Brennan,
 David Rogan,

Finance Committee

Fr. Brian Noonan, Warren Dredge, Ray Taylor, Shane
 Blakeley, Pat Richardson, Tim Burgess.

Liturgy Team

Fr. Brian Noonan, Jan Mayo, Peter Kenny, Peter Nolan,
 Monica Brennan, Gay Jorgensen, Elizabeth Stewart.

Musicians

Norma Kenny, Kathy Sternes, Elizabeth Stewart,
 Libby Rosentreter.

Baptism Team:

Jenny Ryan, Tracy George, Bernadette Hede,
 Anne Anderson, Jan Watkins, Jane Burgess,
 Catherine Cooper, Tracy Stinson, Elizabeth Curtis,
 Monica Brennan

Sacramental Team:

Monica Brennan, Kathy Doherty, David Wilson,
 Gay Jorgensen.

Consolation Team:

Fr Brian Noonan, Peter Kenny, Josephine Nolan,
 Monica Brennan

Welcome & Hospitality Team:

Paul & Kathryn Marangelli,
 Maureen Burke.

Family Groups:

Contact Parish Office 4639 4688

Care & Concern Team

Coordinator: Damian Carroll

RCIA

Coordinator: David Wilson
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NOTICE

**DATES TO REMEMBER FOR
 JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

Friday	26 January Australia Day Public Holiday
Friday	26 January Parish Office Closed
Friday	2 February Mater Dei Opening Liturgy 11.15 William Morris Centre
Saturday	3 February Prayer Liturgy with Communion Infin8 10.30am
Sat/Sun	3-4 February Mater Dei Teachers' Commissioning Ceremony during Masses

RETREAT INVITATION

You are invited to a Retreat in March 2024
Refresh your faith

Please join a retreat organized by St Vincent de Paul,
 but open to all parishioners, in the new year
Challenging, stimulating, contemporary
 Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March

The venue will be in Crow's Nest with opportunity to
 stay overnight, otherwise travel from home for one or
 both days.

More information will be provided at the end of
 January. Claim these dates NOW.

Ph: 0418 352 969 ada.boland@svdpqld.org.au

XAVIER SCHOOL OF MISSION

When: Sunday 9 - Friday 14 June 2024

Where: Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo

Cost: See website for costs

The Xavier School of Mission aims to equip and form
 leaders in evangelisation at the service of the Dioceses
 of Queensland and beyond. It is a dynamic and flexible
 resource that places the Church's mission to evangelise
 at the heart of Holy Spirit Seminary's formative pro-
 cess.

The 2024 theme is *One Word, Emerging Voices: Is
 Mission the Key to a Synodal Church?* Pope Francis is
 guiding us on the journey of becoming what he calls "a
 synodal Church", a Church that listens, dialogues,
 walks and grows together. But what does that look
 like?

Care & Concern Meeting

Care & Concern Meeting will be in February.

Second & Fourth Tuesday of the Month

*St Vincent de Paul St Theresa's
 Conference, 4pm, Contact 0408 808 437*

First Wednesday /month

Parish morning tea at 9.45am, Cobb & Co Museum

Second Sunday

*Mad Toowoomba Group from 7.00pm
 at St Anthony's. Parish Centre.
 (Grade 7-12 people) PH: 4636 0461*

